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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

We cannot and certainly do not want to be at the mercy of 2 mega- internet/ phone providers. This would be disastrous to all consumers, to our pocketbooks, to our rights, and ultimately to our democracy. We need competition and that includes local companies who will answer to the communities they serve.

Thank you.

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